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FOR STEVENSON FROM SECRETARY

Following for delivery for urgent comment is President's

reply to SYG appeal:

"I deeply appreciate the spirit which prompted your

message of yesterday.

We will be glad to have our representatives meet with

you to discuss measures to remove the existing threat to the

security of the western hemisphere and the peace of the world.

I understand that in your statement to the Security Council
                          preliminary talks on
last night, you suggested/xxxxx arrangements by which any
                          effective.
agreement could become/xffxxxx I am asking Ambassador

Stevenson to take up these matters with you immediately.

Meanwhile, it might be helpful if I were to restate the

essence of the problem as we see it.
                                                        Monday,
As we made clear in the Security Xxx Laßn Council yxsxxxx
    the existing
xxxx/xxxx threat was created by the secret infroduction of
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offensive weapons into Cuba. The first task should be to assure the

nations of the western hemisphere against that threat. These

nations, the Organization of American States, authorized the quarantine

as an essential step in the achievement of that purpose.

Surely no one could fail to understand their insistence upon

effective guarantees since the present crisisx was produced by secret

action taken contrary to the most explicit assurances. Such guarantees

should cover the further introduction of offensive weapons into Cuba,

the xixx discontinuance of development work on existing sites, and

UN observers to ensure that offensive weapons are not operational.

We do not believe there should be insuperable difficulties in

reaching a x peaceful resolution of the problem if those responsible

for the threat are prepared to remove it.

~~I am asking Ambassador Stevenson to take up the matter with
you immediately.~~

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